Service Date: February 27, 1990

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application) of CITY OF SIDNEY to Decrease Rates) DOCKET NO. 90.2.15 and Charges for Sewer Service in) Sidney, Montana Service Area.) DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5463

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On February 8, 1990, the City of Sidney (Applicant or City) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to decrease its rates and charges for sewer service. The Applicant indicates in its filing that the retirement of outstanding sewer revenue bonds will decrease its annual revenue requirement.

Having considered the application and documentation furnished by the Applicant in support of its application, and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1 The retirement of the outstanding sewer revenue bonds will result in a reduced revenue requirement for the sewer utility.
- 2. The Applicant alleges that the decreased rates will provide sufficient revenue to operate its utility.
- 3. The Applicant anticipates that the proposed rates will decrease its annual revenues by approximately \$25,000.

4. The Applicant's request to decrease sewer rates to consumers within its service area should be granted.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Applicant, the City of Sidney, is a public utility as defined in Section 69-3-101, MCA. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's rates and service pursuant to Section 69-3-102, and Title 69 Chapter 7, MCA.
- 2. The rates and rate structure approved in this order are just and reasonable. Section 69-3-201, MCA.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The City of Sidney is authorized to implement reduced rates and charges that result in an annual revenue reduction of \$25,000.
- 2. The rates and charges approved herein shall become effective for services rendered on and after February 26, 1990.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 26th day of February, 1990, by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

	CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman
	HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner
	WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Commissioner
	DANNY OBERG, Commissioner
	JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner
ATTEST:	
Ann Peck Commission Secretary	
(SEAL)	

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.